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SUBJECT: EDITORIAL ON FISHERIES ASSOCIATION CONTRACTS

1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF COMPLETE TEXT OF EDITORIAL ON POSSIBILITY OF ASSOCIATION CONTRACTS BETWEEN ECUADOREAN AND U.S. FISHING ENTERPRISES WHICH APPEARED IN QUITO'S LEADING DAILY EL COMERCIO MARCH 23.

2. BEGIN TEXT. A WORKSHOP ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF ECUADOREAN FISHING ACTIVITIES IS BEING HELD IN MANTA, PRECISELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF SEEKING THE APPROPRIATE MEANS OF STRENGTHENING ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT INDUSTRIES IN THE
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COUNTRY. THE THESIS OF MARITIME SOVEREIGNTY, WHICH INCLUDES

PATRIMONIAL SOVEREIGNTY, OUT TO A DISTANCE OF 200 NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE CONTINENTAL AND INSULAR COASTS, IS IN FORCE. NATURALLY, IT HAS THE FULL SUPPORT OF LOGIC AND THE NEED OF UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO DEFEND WHAT IS POTENTIALLY AND ACTUALLY THEIRS.

3. HOWEVER, IT IS FAIR TO ASK WHETHER THOSE UNDERDEVELOPED NATIONS HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF THOSE FISHING RESOURCES FOR THEMSELVES AND FOR MANKIND. OBVIOUSLY, THEY DO NOT AT PRESENT. IT IS NOT THAT WE HAVE WAIVED OUR RIGHTS IN ORDER TO PERPETUATE A RELATIONSHIP OF DEPENDENCE. WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS THAT WE KNOW HOW TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THOSE RESOURCES BY SEEKING TECHNOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE UNDER AGREEMENTS WHICH MAY BE EXECUTED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

4. THE SOUTH PACIFIC COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ECUADOR, ARE NOT EXPLOITING MORE THAN 4 PERCENT OF THEIR FISHING RESOURCES. THEREFORE, THEY SHOULD DO EVERYTHING IN THEIR POWER TO CHANGE THIS SITUATION. FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT WOULD IN NO WAY BE IMPOSSIBLE, ESPECIALLY IF, AFTER OBTAINING RESOURCES FOR FINANCING LARGE OR SMALL PROJECTS, THERE WERE NO OBJECTION TO CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING TRANSNATIONAL FISHING COMPANIES OF SAN DIEGO AND OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES COME TO THIS COUNTRY AND ESTABLISH MIXED COMPANIES. THEIR (THE U.S. COMPANIES') IMAGE WOULD CHANGE, THEY WOULD BECOME INTEGRATED AND WOULD NOT BE LOOKED UPON AS THE VANGUARD OF A HYPOTHETICAL IMPERIALIST POWER. DECISION 24 (OF THE ANDEAN PACT) ON A COMMON SYSTEM OF TREATMENT OF FOREIGN CAPITAL AND TRADE-MARKS, PATENTS AND ROYALTIES, PROVIDES A GUIDELINE FOR THIS PROBLEM.

5. IF WE GO DEEPER INTO THE PROBLEM OF FISHING IN THIS COUNTRY WE CANNOT BUT ADMIT THAT HERE THE PRACTICES ARE STILL PRIMITIVE. EXPERTS HAVE POINTED OUT THAT IN MANABI AND ESMERALDAS, AND INDEED THROUGHOUT THE COAST, FISHING METHODS THAT WERE USED MANY YEARS AGO ARE STILL PREVALENT.

6. THIS CANNOT GO ON, BECAUSE OF THE NUTRITIONAL NEEDS OF THE NATION AND THE COUNTRY'S PRACTICAL ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS. IN CONCLUSION, UNLESS WE CAN AUTONOMOUSLY

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USE THESE FISHING RESOURCES WHICH ARE OURS, WE WILL HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO BECOME ASSOCIATED WITH THOSE WHO HAVE AN ADEQUATE TECHNOLOGY. NATURALLY, THIS SHOULD BE DONE UNDER TERMS AND CONDITIONS WHICH WILL SERVE THE NATIONAL INTERESTS. END TEXT.
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